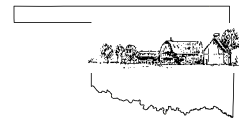




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Welcome Rain Fell Across Oklahoma

September 26 - Rain was reported in every district last week. Although the amounts were small in some districts, it was still very welcome. The Southwest and Panhandle districts had reports of one to three inches of rain. However, all districts, except the Panhandle, were well below normal precipitation levels. This badly needed rain came in good time to help producers with planting activities. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent surplus, 47 percent adequate, 39 percent short, and 13 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 50 percent adequate, 34 percent short, and 16 percent very short. Days suitable for field work during the week were 5.8.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	39	47	1
Last Week	25	46	28	1
Last Year	6	32	61	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	16	34	50	0
Last Week	12	34	53	1
Last Year	15	38	47	0

Small Grains: Producers across the State last week were busy planting wheat and nearly half of the crop was seeded by week's end. The rain was just enough in many areas to cause early planted wheat to begin to emerge. Both planting and emergence were slightly ahead of normal. Rye seeding increased 18 points to 66 percent complete which is 1 point above last year and 17 points above the five-year average. Rye emergence was at 39 percent which was an increase of 17 points. Oat progress increased slightly but seedbed preparations, planting and emergence all lagged behind the five-year average.

Row Crops: The warmer temperatures helped row crops to make good progress last week. Corn maturity and harvest were still behind both last year and the five-year average. Harvest was in full swing last week with over half the corn harvested but the rain soaked fields in some areas delayed harvest. Most of the corn continues to be in excellent condition. Sorghum made good progress this week with 30 percent harvested. Many sorghum yields were reported to be excellent. Soybeans progress was about normal for this time of year. Soybeans reaching maturity went up 9 points to 54 percent complete and harvest was 32 percent complete. Peanuts made limited progress last week with conditions mostly good. Three-fourths of the cotton bolls were open and harvest was just getting underway. Many producers have begun spraying cotton with chemicals to prepare bolls and drop some leaves.

ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 26, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	8	36	55
Soybeans	0	2	25	61	12
Peanuts	0	1	13	74	12
Cotton	2	1	40	45	12
Sorghum	0	11	16	56	17

Hay: Both alfalfa and other hay were in mostly good condition. The fifth cutting of alfalfa was 64 percent complete, which is 34 points higher than the 5-year average. The sixth cutting of alfalfa is 13 percent complete. Other hay second cutting was at 89 percent complete which is 13 percent above the five-year average. Most of the hay supplies were above average.

HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 26, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	5	27	50	15
Other Hay	3	4	25	56	12

Pasture: Some pastures were running out of water with the warmer temperatures and only small amounts of precipitation. Pastures were still needing more rain however, they did benefit from last weeks showers. Pastures were reported to be in good condition.

Livestock: Over 80 percent of the livestock were in good to excellent condition. There are reports of cattle producers starting to feed as the grass was losing its protein. Livestock insect activity was mostly light to moderate. Feeder steers and heifer prices dropped slightly last week. Prices for feeder steers and heifers less than 800 pounds were \$116.00 and \$110.57, respectively.

LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending September 26, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	13	62	24
Pasture & Range	2	8	30	48	12

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TIME DATED MATERIAL

OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS									
Week Ending September 26, 2004									
Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	94	91	90	88	Mature	54	45	57	57
Planted	47	34	52	39	Harvested	32	19	25	32
Emerged	18	8	24	16	Peanuts -				
Oats -					Mature	75	74	77	48
Seedbed Prepared	67	64	70	75	Dug	5	2	6	7
Planted	11	8	29	18	Combined	4	N/A	3	2
Emerged	2	N/A	7	4	Cotton -				
Rye					Bolls Opening	76	73	77	72
Planted	66	48	65	49	Harvested	3	N/A	4	5
Emerged	39	22	35	24	Alfalfa -				
Corn -					5 th Cutting	64	58	29	30
Mature	81	60	92	95	6 th Cutting	13	3	N/A	N/A
Harvested	53	47	67	68	Other Hay -				
Sorghum -					2 nd Cutting	89	87	78	76
Coloring	78	68	87	86					
Mature	44	40	56	58					
Harvested	30	21	28	32					

Weather for Week Ending September 26, 2004 - Temperatures ranged from 37 degrees at Kenton on Thursday, September 23rd, to 95 degrees at Grandfield on Monday, September 20th. Precipitation averaged 0.03 inches in Northeast district to 1.77 inches in Panhandle district. Soil temperatures averaged 60 degrees at Boise City on Thursday, September 23rd to 84 degrees at Grandfield on Tuesday, September 21st.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA							
Week Ending September 26, 2004							
Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2004 to September 26, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	78	53	64	1.77	1.88	+0.25	115
West Central	82	59	70	1.03	1.21	- 1.41	46
Southwest	85	64	74	0.79	1.03	- 1.91	35
North Central	84	58	71	0.71	1.16	- 1.55	43
Central	85	61	72	0.17	0.84	- 2.72	24
South Central	86	62	73	0.13	0.76	- 3.00	20
Northeast	86	58	71	0.03	0.97	- 3.17	23
East Central	86	60	72	0.07	1.22	- 3.08	28
Southeast	87	59	72	0.06	1.31	- 2.65	33